**Sick Industries in Public and Private Sectors**

2076. DR. SHANTI G. PATEL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of sick industries both in public and private sectors for every year during the last 3 years and what is their viable and non-viable conditions; and

(b) what is the total investment in the non-viable units showing separately the amount invested by the public financial institutions in viable and no-viable units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The data on sick industrial units assisted by banks are collected by the Reserve Bank of India as per the definition of sickness adopted by it. According to the latest available data from it, the number of sick industrial units and the amount outstanding against them from December 1982 to December 1984 are es under:—

| As the end of | No. of sick industrial units | Outstanding amount (Rs. crores) |
|---|---|---|
| December, 1982 | 60,173 | 2,585 |
| December, 1983 | 80,110 | 3,101 |
| December, 1984 | 93,282 | 3,638 |

The sector-wise information on sick units showing the investment in viable and non-viable units separately is neither furnished by the Reserve Bank of India nor centrally maintained in this Ministry.

**Prices of LPG**

2077. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of LPG had to be raised due to uneconomic return on filling and if so, what is the break up of cost and retail price of LPG cylinder three years ago and at present;

(b) whether the rise in cost of production was verified by cost accountants; and

(c) whether it is a fact that nearly Rs. 2 crores worth of gas is being flared every day for want of equipment costing hardly Rs. 50 crores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Natural Gas which is different from LPG is flared as it cannot be compressed and stored economically like LPG and the imputed value of the quantity flared is reckoned currently at about Rs. 30 crores per annum only.

**Power Generation in Bihar**

2078. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is neglecting Bihar in the matter of installation of capacity and supply of energy as a result of which Bihar which was one of the leading

States in power generation at the time of independence is at present having the lowest per capita consumption of power; if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether the unit at Farakka which would supply power to Binar has been constructed; and

(c) what are the reasons on account of which Koyal Karo Hydel Project and Tenughat Project have not yet started whereas in the last ten years the generating capacity of DVC has increased by 400 without giving a share to Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) The per capita consumption of power depends upon availability of power, the extent of electrification in urban and rural areas, the extent of industrialisation of the area, energisation of pumpsets and the level of economic well being of the people. The power availability in Bihar has not increased sufficiently due to delay in commissioning of new generating capacity and unsatisfactory performance of thermal power stations at Barauni and Patratu.

(b) First unit at Farakka has been synchronised in January, 1986. The commercial operation of the unit is expected by end of March, 1986.

(c) The work on Koel Karo Project has not commenced due to resistance from the local people to the acquisition of land required for the project and their demand of land for land. Some of the affected land owners have also filed a Writ Petition before the Supreme Court and the matter is sub-judice. The work at Tenughat Project has been affected on account of problems in acquisition of land, paucity of funds and delay in finalisation of terms and conditions by Bihar State Electricity Board to award the work to BHEL on turn-key basis.

**During the last 10 years the drawal of electrical energy by Bihar** from DVC has increased by 65 per cent from 918 million units in 1975-76 to 1515 million units in 1984-85 whereas DVC's installed capacity increased by only 27 per cent from 1219 MW in 1975-76 to 1549 MW in 1984-85.

**Use of Helicopters**

2079. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that helicopters are being used by various oil and gas exploring and supply agencies in the country to streamline their operations;

(b) if so, what are the various types of helicopters being used by various undertakings of the Petroleum Department including details of their owners seating capacity and charter rates;

(c) what are the estimates of helicopter requirements of the above undertakings for the next four years and details of the arrangements being made for their procurement; and

(d) how many helicopters of total seating capacity of 4 to 9 people are likely to be used by the above undertakings during the next four years and the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Power projects in Orissa**

2080. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the present installed capacity of the power projects in the State of Orissa;